

City Buses for Local Students Studied

Municipal Bus Lines Could Fill Gap in Reduced Services

Torrance city officials can be congratulated for offering a speedy solution to the problem of curtailed school transportation in the form of rerouted municipal bus lines to bring the kids to school.

And the solution they offer seems to be the only practical one.

Three of the present school board members were elected to office recently on their promise to bring a much needed economy to the district and to slash excessive spending from the school budget.

An annual bill of well over a quarter of a million dollars for school transportation does seem excessive.

Use of public transportation to and from school would serve, in fact, three essential purposes.

REDUCE EXPENSE

First, it would tend to reduce school expenses already being borne by the staggering taxpayer. Second, it would provide a "shot in the arm" for the sagging economy of the municipal bus lines which are currently subsidized, through city taxes, to the tune of some \$85,000 each year.

And, third, it would place the cost of this transportation, even though it is a minute amount, upon the people who use it!

A great deal of work will go into the planning and scheduling of the proposed new routes before they will become effective, work that will be done voluntarily by school and city officials as well as by committees of interested parents.

City officials have promised utmost cooperation in utilizing the community-owned bus lines to fill the gap and councilmen have already authorized studies of the most, most effective and efficient routes.

This kind of cooperation between the city and the school district can only work to the advantage of Torrance's residents, homeowners and taxpayers.

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CUT BUS SERVICE—Nearly 100 parents of Torrance students showed up at board meeting Monday night to protest against curtailment of school bus services and to hear report submitted by special committee established by the board to study the problem. Service for some younger children will be continued temporarily and buses for handicapped children will run on schedule as before.

Bank Assesses Up At Month's End

Resources of Pacific State Bank reached \$24,519,730 on August 31 for a new month-end high in the six year history of the banking institution, President Robert C. Yearly announced.

In noting the financial milestone, Yearly said total resources have climbed 25 percent since January 1 and are now more than a half-million dollars greater than that reported on June 30 in the bank's mid-year statement.

New deposits and other assets have been growing at an average rate of nearly \$890,000 per month since the first of 1961, he added, placing Pacific State Bank in its strongest financial position since opening its doors in March, 1955.

Of its total resources, Yearly disclosed that more than \$21,350,000 were in time and demand deposits with depositors totaling 19,474 at the end of August.

Pacific State Bank, which recently placed a total of 32,680 shares of its stock on the over-the-counter market, ended its first full year of operation with assets of \$5,060,721 in 1956.

Civil Defense Discussed By Deputy

The Defense Department, agrees in principle with the proposal by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that the Federal government provide matching funds on a dollar per dollar basis for construction of civilian defense shelters by local government units, it was reported this week by Gilbert W. Lindsay, deputy to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

However, Lindsay stated he

was informed by Lawrence Klamont, Special Assistant for civil defense to Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, that Congress has not as yet appropriated sufficient funds to enable the Defense Department to allocate matching funds for shelters in new construction projects.

Lindsay's appointment at the Pentagon was arranged through Andrew Hatcher, assistant press secretary to President Kennedy.

He stated, however, that he is concerned over the vast amount of red tape, delay and indecision in Washington over civil defense planning.

"Instead of putting money into construction of shelters in new buildings, the Pentagon is conducting a survey of facilities that can be used temporarily for shelters and does not expect to complete the survey until 1962. That is too long to wait," Hahn stated.

He added shelters should be included in every public building being built now and any further delays will increase costs and deny the public protection of shelters.

School Shelters
"In Los Angeles County right now, four new elementary schools are being built each five weeks. One new high school is being completed each 11 weeks. None of these have shelters, but they all should have shelters for the protection of the children."

BIG BUSINESS

Retail lumber yards and building materials dealers of this community are counted among the 35,000 serving the entire country. U. S. dealers ring up sales of more than \$7 billion a year, it is estimated.

Vernitron Obtains Missile Contract

Bernard Levine, president of Vernitron Corporation of Carle Place, N.Y., and Torrance, announced his firm has been awarded a contract by General Dynamics/Pomona for the development of a booster-less resolver chain for the Mauler missile system.

When completed, the chain will be the heart of the coordinated conversion system for the stabilization of the new mobile missile system.

Levine said the resolver chain combines high reliability with reduced costs.

Vernitron Corporation is a leading independent designer-manufacturer of resolvers, synchros, and other precision servo components.

The Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency, an element of the Army Ordnance Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, has overall charge of Mauler development.

Seek 'Dollars For Demos' As Fund Drive Launched

Martha Armstrong, 4309 Highgrove Ave., has been named area chairman for Torrance for the Dollars for Democrats drive beginning Friday, according to Mrs. Frances Grassi, 46th Assembly District chairman for the drive.

Volunteers from Democratic clubs here and throughout the district will ring doorbells of registered Democrats

are, with their Dollars Drive chairmen: Demo. Women's Club of Playa del Rey, Barbara Flowers; Silver Spur Demo. Club, Robert Hoffman, Palosc Verdes Estates; Oceanview Demo. Club, Melvin Donnelly, San Pedro; El Segundo Demo. Club, William Laurie; Manhattan - Hermosa Beach Demo. Club, Martha Kingsley; Prospect Heights Demo. Club, Gilbert Wilhite, Redondo Beach; Westchester Democratic Club, Barry Siegel; Peninsula Demo. Club, Virginia Levanas, Torrance; New Frontier Young Democrats, Dale Larson, Redondo Beach.

Rule Change For Vehicles Now Effective

Speed limit for passenger vehicles pulling trailers has been raised to 50 miles per hour.

A driver who is convicted a second or subsequent time for operating a vehicle while his license is revoked, suspended or has been refused will receive a mandatory jail sentence.

No open container of an alcoholic beverage may be carried in a vehicle.

These and a host of other changes in California's Vehicle Code went into effect Friday, Sept. 15, California Highway Patrol Commissioner Bradford M. Crittenden said.

"Of particular interest to thousands of drivers is the provision raising from 45 to 50 miles per hour the maximum speed limit for passenger vehicles and commercial vehicles weighing less than 4,000 pounds while pulling trailers.

"The 'open bottle' laws now makes it a misdemeanor to drink alcoholic beverages in a vehicle, or to possess or store an open alcoholic beverage container in a vehicle."

Other code changes which affect the motoring public include:

PROVISION

A provision prohibiting the placement of any material, including such products as spray-on tints, upon the windshield or in a position to reduce the driver's view through the windshield.

A provision restricting issuance of commercial plates to station wagons unless such vehicles are used or maintained primarily for transportation of property.

A provision that snow tread tires may be used on the two drive wheels of a vehicle rather than all four wheels. Retained in the law is a provision that snow-tread tires are permitted in lieu of tire chains only where signs are posted by the Division of Highways.

A provision which prohibits U-turns at intersections where traffic flow is controlled by a green arrow unless a sign specifically permits a U-turn.

Two other amendments to laws governing U-turns also become effective Friday. One



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